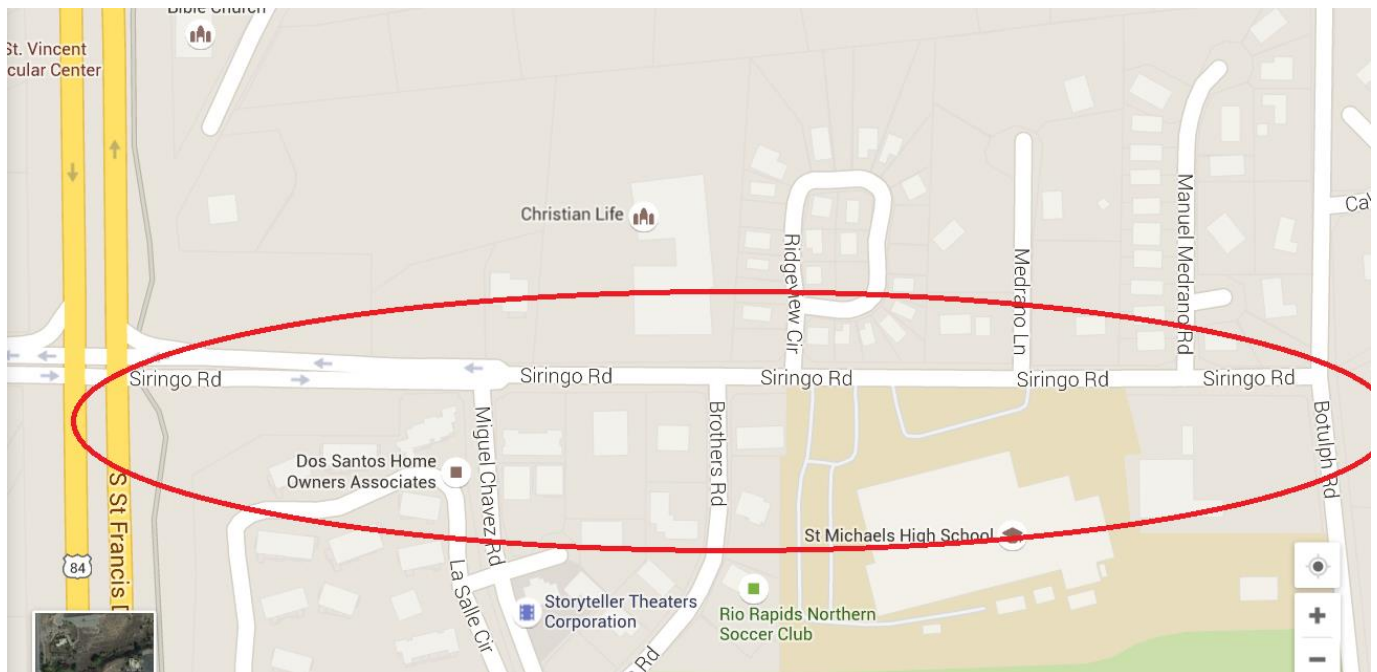


On-Road Subcommittee – Review of Siringo Proposed Sharrows

July 7, 2016

Overview

On June 27th 2016, Paul Cooley, of the On Road Subcommittee, met with John Romero and Rick Devine in the parking lot of St. Michael's High School to **evaluate the need for sharrows on the upper (eastern) portion of Siringo road (between St. Francis and Botulph)**. Sharrows are intended to indicate the preferred position of a bicyclist in the road, when the roadway is too narrow for bicycle and automobile traffic to travel safely side by side.



Factors to Consider

When there are **events taking place at St. Michael's High School, many vehicles park on Siringo Road.** Therefore, if sharrows were placed on this stretch of Siringo, they would need to be placed further into the travel lane, to avoid being covered up when vehicles are parked on Siringo.

Paul Cooley pointed out to John Romero that a similar situation exists on Avenida de las Campanas near Siringo. John replied that though there are occasionally parked cars in that location, he felt that the sharrows in that instance serves to indicate that bicyclists may move out into the lane. He observed that when cars are parked on this stretch of Siringo, they are most likely parked all along this portion of the road, thus eliminating the necessity of indicating a bicyclist may move suddenly into the roadway.

Options

We further discussed the possibility of installing one sharrow at the east end of Siringo, at Botulph Road, and one just east of the bike lane's ending. However, John Romero and Rick Devine both felt that **bicycle signs would be both more efficient and more durable.** They further observed that it **would be possible to retrofit sharrows should a need be perceived by BTAC in the future,** and it would be easier to add symbols than to remove symbols that were discovered to be misleading or undesirable.